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**WORKS FROM LOCKWOOD THOMPSON BEQUEST ON VIEW AT
THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART**

Works by modern masters Wassily Kandinsky, Paul Klee, Rene Magritte, Yves Tanguy, Man Ray, Salvador Dali, Ben Nicholson, and Andy Warhol are among a collection of contemporary European and American paintings and drawings bequeathed to The Cleveland Museum of Art by the late Lockwood Thompson, a prominent Cleveland lawyer and a collector of contemporary art. Before Mr. Thompson's death last year, he arranged that the Museum should have its choice of his large collection of paintings and drawings, directing that the remainder be sold to establish an acquisitions fund in his name. From Mr. Thompson's generous bequest, the Museum selected forty-nine works. Thirty-four are currently on exhibit in the Museum's Gallery 112, part of an exhibition of newly acquired works, **Selected Acquisitions**, on view through April 11, 1993.

Mr. Thompson, who held a number of public offices during his long and distinguished career, was widely known for his service to the community. He was a member of the Museum's Advisory Council from 1953 to 1989 and its chairman from 1981 to 1984. He was a founder of the Cleveland Society for Contemporary Art, which was organized in 1961 to encourage the collecting and study of contemporary art and to support the Museum in building a collection of the art of our time. He served on the board of trustees of the Cleveland Public Library from 1955 to 1969 and from 1990 to 1992. While president of that board, he established an endowment fund in memory of his parents for the purchase of books on art, especially contemporary art.

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The Thompson bequest of two oils and three watercolors by Rene Magritte gives the Museum its first paintings by the great Belgian surrealist. A particularly fine gouache drawing by the French artist Yves Tanguy, an oil painting by American artist Man Ray, and two drawings by Salvador Dali further strengthen the Museum's small holdings of surrealist art. Other major works include superb watercolors by the German painter Paul Klee and the Russian pioneer of abstract art, Wassily Kandinsky.

During World War II Lockwood Thompson served with the U.S. Air Force in England where he met British artist Henry Moore, who stimulated Thompson's interest in collecting. He purchased many of his works from British dealers and was particularly fond of British artists, several of whom--Ben Nicholson, John Tunnard, Graham Sutherland, and Bridget Riley--are represented in this show. Mr. Thompson also collected works by Cleveland artists, such as Frederick Gottwald, William Sommer, and Moe Brooker; they are on exhibit along with a particularly fine watercolor by William Ward, the Museum's chief designer.

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